GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL DRUG AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up the National Drug Authority;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof alongwith the composition and functioning of the said authority; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.& MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRLRAM.VJLAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): A Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pronab Sen, Principal Adviser, Planning Commission was constituted to explore options other than price control to make available life saving drugs at reasonable prices. The Task Force has submitted its report to the Government on the 20th September, 2005, The Task Force has recommended, intsr-alia, to establish a National Authority on Drugs and Therapeutics (NADT) as a long term objective. This would integrate the offices of the Drugs Controller General (india), the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) alongwith a!! the powers and functions of these bodies.

The Government in consultation with various stakeholders is examining the recommendations of the Task Force. Based on this a view would be taken regarding the setting up of the National Authority on Drugs and Therapeutics.